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G. William Walster et al.)

Serial No. 10/042,883)

Filing Date: January 8, 2002)

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SOLVING)
 AN INEQUALITY CONSTRAINED GLOBAL)
 OPTIMIZATION PROBLEM)

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Petition to Grant Filing Date

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers sent on February 6, 2002 for the above-captioned application, Applicant hereby requests the filing date of January 8, 2002 to be granted to the entire application, including FIGs. 7A, 7B, 7C and 7D.

Although, the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers states that FIGs. 7A, 7B, 7C and 7D were omitted from the application, Applicant's representative received a return post card confirming that all 8 sheets of formal drawings for the application were received by the United States Patent & Trademark Office. (Please see attached copy of return post card.)

Furthermore, Applicant's representative submits herewith the declaration of Wendy Dial attesting to the fact that FIGs. 7A, 7B, 7C and 7D were mailed to the United States Patent & Trademark Office on January 8, 2002 with the application.

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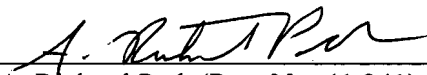
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For the above-mentioned reasons, Applicant's representative hereby requests that the filing date of January 8, 2002 be granted to the entire application, including enclosed FIGs. 7A, 7B, 7C and 7D.

Respectfully submitted,

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